Utilization of Godowns

3543. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite acute shortage of storage space in the Food Corporation of India Godawns, the Government fail to fully utilise the Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporation godowns;

(b) if so, the unutilised capacity of the CWC & SWC godowns; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. The Food Corporation of India has at present a storage capacity of 235.46 lakh tonnes with 51% utilisation only. Therefore, at macro level storage capacity with Food Corporation of India at Present is adequate.

Sugarcane Procurement

3544. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise procurement price being paid by the States to the farmers for sugarcane crop in the country during the current sugar season (1996-97) and the support price fixed by the Union Government;

(b) the State-wise quantum of sugar produced during the last sugar season (1995-96) and the demand and supply thereof alongwith the stock/buffer stock of sugar in the country; and

(c) the State-wise details of the procurement quantity and price thereof during each of the last three sugar seasons?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) State Advised Price for sugarcane for the current sugar season 1996-97 are not available. for the sugar season 1996-97, and advance announcement of statutory Minimum Price has been made on 11.3.1996 at Rs. 45.90 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5%.

(b) A Statement-I showing State-wise production of sugar during the seasons 1995-96 is Annexed. Under the present policy of partial control, the monthly allocation of levy sugar to most of the States/UTs is being made on a uniform norm of ensuring 425 gms. per capita availability as per population figures of 1991 census sugar at higher rates is being allowed to some States UTs due to special circumstances prevailing there. Stocks of indigenous sugar with the factories as on 30.9.1996 were about 81 lakh tonnes. a buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar created for one year from 10.1.1996, has been extended by another year and an additional buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar has been created for one year.

(c) A statement-II showing State-wise details of quantities of cane purchased during the seasons 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is Annexed. A statement-III showing the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane fixed by the Central Government and the prices actually paid is also Annexed.

STATEMENT-I

Statement showing State-wise production of Sugar during the seasons 1995-96

S.No.	States	Production
1.	Punjab	6.32
2.	Haryana	4.54
3.	Rajasthan	0.31
4.	U.P.	43.60
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1.29
6.	Gujarat	11.26
7.	Maharashtra	53.76
8.	Bihar	3.79
9.	Assam	0.07
10.	Orissa	0.82
11.	West Bengal	0.08
12.	Nagaland	0.01
13.	Andhra Pradesh	8.66
14.	Karnataka	12.67
15.	Tamil Nadu	16.22
16.	Pondicherry	0.57
17.	Kerala	0.13
18.	Goa	0.19
	All India	164.29

STATEMENT-II

Statement Showing State-wise quantities of Sugarcane Purchased by Sugar Mills during the three seasons 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96

Qunantity of cane purchased (In lakh quantals)

S. No.	Name of State	Season 1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Punjab	348.84	330.09	641.88
2.	Haryana	302.19	352.42	510.14